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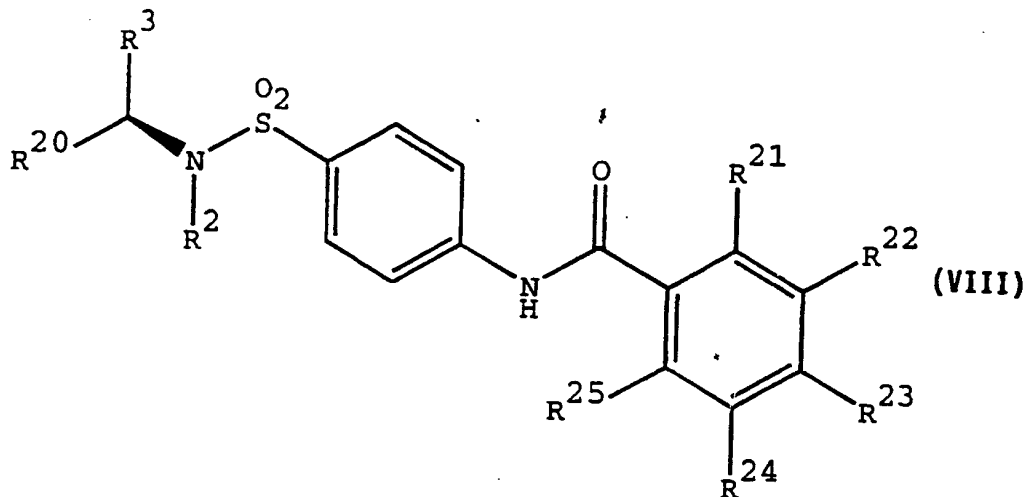
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(57) Abstract: The present invention provides a matrix metalloproteinase inhibiting compound having structure (VIII) or a salt, an enantiomer, a diastereomer, a racemate, or a tautomer thereof. In other embodiments, the present invention provides a method of changing the conformation of a matrix metalloproteinase, a method of inhibiting a matrix metalloproteinase, and a method of treating osteoarthritis.

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